

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An electronic message management system allows for sender-independent rule-based digesting and sender-independent rule-based sampling of electronic messages. Sender-independent rule-based digesting allows a user to specify message-based criteria that define candidate messages for a digest and properties of the digest. Sender-independent rule-based sampling allows a user to specify a set of message-based criteria that define candidate messages for sampling and to additionally specify criteria over the candidate message set that define a subset of the candidate messages to be delivered to a user.

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